

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 27-39 are pending in the present application.

Claim 27 was amended solely to obviate the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Claims 28-31 were amended for consistency with amended claim 27. These amendments place the claims in better condition for appeal. Entry of the claim amendment is respectfully requested.

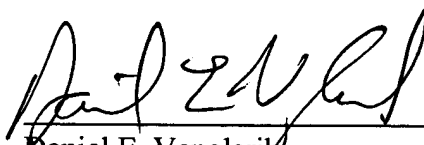
If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *dvenglarik@davismunck.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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